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SUBJECT: UNHRC SUBCOMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS

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1. THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES BEGAN ITS MEETINGS MONDAY MORNING 26 JULY ON SCHEDULE.

2. MEMBERS OF THIS YEAR'S WORKING GROUP ARE MYSELF, NAVARIO RICHARDSON (NICARAGUA), PERZADA (PAKISTAN), SEKYIAMAH (GHANA), SMIRNOV (USSR). WORKING GROUP (WG) ELECTED SKEYIAMAH AS CHAIRMAN-RAPPORTEUR 1972-73).

3. TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE WG THIS YEAR ARE 54,510 UP FROM 30,691 IN 1975 AND 9,134 IN 1974. THIS YEAR'S COMMUNICATIONS COME FROM 82-MEMBER STATES AND 4 NON-UN MEMBERS.

4. THE INCREASE IN TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES LARGELY RESULTS FROM A LANDSLIDE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS ON

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CHILE. AS A MATTER OF FACT OVER 47,000 MASS COMMUNI-

CATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE PATTERN IN FORMER YEARS IS THAT ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF WG'S WORK FALLS INTO A CATEGORY OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS. WHILE MASS COMMUNICATIONS ARE UP SUBSTANTIALLY, SUBSTANTIVE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE CLEARLY RISEN ALSO. MOST OF THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS FALL UNDER ARTICLES 2 AND 7.

5. NEXT LARGEST NUMBER OF CASES ALSO WHICH SEEM TO BE SUBSTANTIVE RELATE TO ARTICLE 13 (EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO LEAVE ANY CONTRY INCLUDING HIS OWN, ETC.). THERE ARE OVER ONE THOUSAND SUCH CASES WHICH REPRESENTS A FIFTY PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1974.

6. UNDER GOVERNMENT REPLIES THIS YEAR, WE HAVE 128 FROM 33-MEMBER STATES; THERE WERE 136 REPLIES FROM 28 GOVERNMENTS IN 1975; 150 REPLIES FROM 25 GOVERNMENTS IN 1974. SO GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSES ARE UP.

7. THE USUAL ASSIGNMENT OF WG MEMBERS TO SELECTED ARTICLES OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION WILL BE MADE AT THE TUESDAY MORNING JULY 27 SESSION. ABRAMS

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